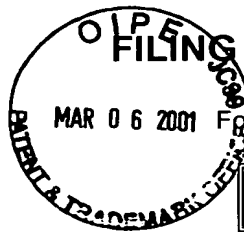


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



FILING COMPLETION UNDER RULE 53(f)

(NOT PCT Applications)
Design, Provisional, or Utility ApplicationsPATENT
APPLICATIONCOMPLETION Under
Rule 53(f)In re PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): Gunter Schmidt et al.

Attn: Application Division

Appln. No.: 09 743,745
Series Code ↑ Serial No. ↑Atty.Dkt. P 0276612 201292/CMH/DG
M# Client Ref

Filed: January 16, 2001

Title: Silicon-Containing Linkers for Nucleic Acid Mass Markers

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Date: March 6, 2001

Sir:

The following completes the filing under Rule 53(f) of the above-identified patent application:

1. **Notice to File Missing Parts** ☒ copy attached ☐ not yet received
2. ☒ Signed Declaration attached. ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy

(Always "X" box 2 if filing signed Declaration and

"X" box 2A only if top box of the Declaration is X'd and file application copy, or"X" box 2B only if none of the top three boxes of the Declaration is X'd.)

- 2A. ☐ Attached: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claim(s)) which is a copy of specification and claim(s) originally filed to secure the above filing date.
- 2B. ☒ The original application as filed in the PTO on the above filing date is the application which each inventor executed by signing the attached Rule 63 Declaration.
3. ☐ Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
- a. ☐ Abstract
- b. # pages of Specification (only spec. & claims)
- c. ☐ Drawing(s) No of Sheets
- ☐ Fig(s).

- 4.
- ☐
- Letter filing
- formal
- drawing attached.

- 5.
- ☐
- Attached is an assignment and cover sheet.
- Please return the recorded assignment
- to the undersigned.

- 6.
- DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL
- priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) PCT/GB99/02247	13 July 1999	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

- 7.
- FOREIGN
- priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in
- Great Britain

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 9815164.0	13 July 1998	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
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Completion Under Rule 53(b)

9. _____ (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. _____ / _____ filed on _____
10. Small Entity Status ☐ is Not claimed ☒ is claimed (file PAT-256 if this is the first claim of Small Entity Status)
11. ☐ Attached:
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

				Large/Small Entity		F e Code
13. Basic Filing Fee Design Application				\$320/\$160		106/26
Not Design Application				\$710/\$355	+0	101/201
14. Total Effective Claims		minus 20 =		x \$18/\$9	+0	103/203
15. Independent Claims		minus 3 =		x \$80/\$40	+0	102/202
16. If <u>any proper</u> multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				\$270/\$135	+0	104/204
17. Surcharge for filing Declaration/filing fee late				\$130/\$65	+65	105/205
18. FILING FEE ENCLOSED =				\$65		
19. Original due date:						
20. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to				(1 mo) \$110/\$55 =	+0	115/215
cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee				(2mos) \$390/\$195 =		116/216
is attached				(3mos) \$890/\$445 =		117/217
				(4mos) \$1390/\$695 =		118/218
21. If "non-English" box 3 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee				\$130	+0	139
22. If "assignment" box 5 is X'd, add recording fee.				\$40	+0	581
23. Petition Fee for				\$130	+0	
24. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =				\$65		

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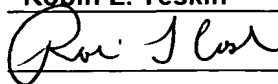
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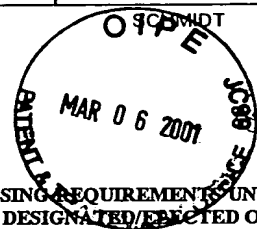
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/DETECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as:

- ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494),
☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.

☒ Copy of the international application in:

- ☐ a non-English language.
☒ English.

☐ Translation of the international application into English.

☐ Oath or Declaration of inventor(s) for DO/EO/US.

☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments.

☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

☐ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

☒ Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.

☐ Preliminary amendment(s) filed _____ and _____.

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed JAN 16 2001 and _____.

☐ Assignment document.

☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.

☐ Substitute specification filed _____.

☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

☒ Priority Document.

☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.

☐ Other:

2. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

☐ a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.

☐ The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.

☐ b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

☒ c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.

☐ The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.

☒ d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

3. Additional claim fees of \$18 _____ as a ☒ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 2(a)-2(d) AND 3 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY ☐ 21 OR ☒ 31 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4. Translation of the Annexes **MUST** be submitted no later than the time period set above or the annexes will be cancelled. Note processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.

5. ☐ The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 1.494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice *MUST* be returned with this response.

Enclosed:

☐ PCT/DO/EO/917

☐ Notice of Defective Translation

☐ PTO-875

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